

Minutes
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 19, 2008
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
Conference Room B
101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Attended

Nola Gentry
Jim Cherry
Bill Mann
Warren Baird
Gary Conant
Bob Eddleman

Absent

Larry Clemens

Others in Attendance

Tammy Lawson-ISDA
Jerod Chew-ISDA
Amy Eizinger-ISDA
Cris Goode-ISDA
Kelly Gentry-ISDA
Deb Fairhurst-ISDA
Sara Slater-Atwater-ISDA
Shelee Padgett-ISDA
Jim Droege-IASWCD
Jane Hardisty-NRCS
Jennifer Boyle-IASWCD
Robert Woodling-Monroe Co. SWCD

- I. 9:13 AM: Call to Order**
- II. Draft Minutes of July 2008**

Bob Eddleman moved to approve the minutes as presented. Warren Baird seconded and the motion carried.

III. Leadership Development

A. District Requests – Kelly Gentry

Fayette County – See Attachment

Fayette County requests the vacant appointment of Addam Carmony due to the resignation of Jan Horton. Carmony has an Associates Degree in Animal Science and is currently an Ag Loan Officer.

Eddleman moved to approve the vacant appointment request. Gary Conant seconded and the motion carried.

Owen County – See Attachment

Owen County requests the temporary appointment of Paul Cummings due to the resignation of Don Minnick. Paul has a BA from DePauw University and a Masters in Environmental Science from Indiana University. He is currently employed with Horizon Wind Energy as a project manager. He has served on the Owen SWCD Watershed Steering Committee and was a Supervisor candidate in January 2008. He has installed green roofs and native plant landscaping.

Bill Mann moved to approve the vacant appointment request. Conant seconded and the motion carried.

B. CWI Requests – Amy Eizinger

Pike County – See Attachment

Discussion followed. Eddleman moved to approve Pike's reallocation request. Mann seconded and the motion carried.

Clark and Harrison County – See Attachments

Discussion followed. Baird moved to table requests due to potentially pending assistance and programs. Eddleman seconded and the motion carried.

C. SSCB Board Reports and Discussion

1. SSCB Chairman's Report – Nola Gentry – No Report

2. SSCB Sub-Committee Reports and Recommendations

a. Executive Committee Report and Recommendations – Nola Gentry

i. 2009 Proposed Budget – See Attachment

Discussion followed on budget and reverting funds.

Mann moved to approve the proposed 2009 CWI Budget as presented. Baird seconded and the motion carried.

ii. Biannual Plan of Work 2010-2011

Shareholder Input Proposal – Cris Goode – See Attachment

The board discussed the timeline and the difficulty farmers will have inputting due to harvest season. Nola Gentry mentioned the best time for Ag input would be mid November through January. Baird suggested moving the final draft to March instead of January. More discussion followed on timelines for input and the final draft.

Eddleman mentioned letting the executive committee meet to review consultants and make the final decision. Lawson mentioned when putting a committee in charge you should put a cap on the amount you will spend for a consultant. More discussion followed on the type of consultant to get and the roles they will play.

Jim Cherry moved to allow the DSC staff to gather consultant recommendations for the executive committee to meet and review. Baird seconded and the motion carried.

ii. Disaster Allocation – Tammy Lawson – See Attachment

Lawson mentioned ISDA Director, Andy Miller, submitted a \$200 million request to Washington D.C. for disaster relief. After each county was surveyed the total requested by districts was \$207 million.

35 Flood Disaster County Info Chart – See Attachment

Lawson also explained on August 18th Director Miller informed her \$2.2 million is now available to use for disaster relief. The Executive Committee broke down the \$2.2 million: \$600 thousand for an amended CREP (to include White River and Wabash tributary watersheds), \$400 thousand for engineering/contractual groups for SWCD support, and \$1.2 million for SWCD/ECAP.

Jennifer Boyle, IASWCD, asked if SWCDs will be liable for the engineers. Lawson replied no. SWCDs will choose from a group of people.

Lawson asked the board if they should give the 35 counties 50% of the \$1.2 million now and the other 50% later, or should they give it to them all at once. N. Gentry mentioned the Executive Committee talked about splitting the funds 50% now and 50% later.

Jim Droege, IASWCD asked if there is a timeline on when the \$1.2 will go to SWCDs. Lawson replied as soon as we can get contracts to districts.

More discussion followed on the management of the \$1.2M and how the districts should use the money.

Eddleman moved to distribute 50% of the \$1.2 million to the 35 counties now and hold the remaining 50% until a later date. Mann seconded. Discussion followed and the motion carried.

- b. CWI Grants Committee Report and Recommendation – Amy Eizinger
Eizinger reported Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grants (SNRG) are due September 5th.
- c. District Capacity Committee Report and Recommendations – Bob Eddleman – No Report

Eddleman moved to bring the Clark and Harrison requests back off the table for discussion. Cherry seconded and the motion carried.

Clark and Harrison County CWI Request – See Attachments
N. Gentry suggested denying the requests due to the \$2.2 million that will now be use for disaster relief which Greene and Bartholomew Counties will be eligible.

Cherry moved to deny the Clark and Harrison's requests. Gary seconded and the motion carried.

IV. Division Report

- A. CREP Update – Tammy Lawson – See Attachment
Jane Hardisty, NRCS, asked where the CREP Amendment stands. Lawson replied everything has been turned over to Gail Peas, FSA, and she will be submitting the proposal to Washington D.C. soon.
- B. Clean Water Indiana Grants Update – Amy Eizinger – See Attachment
- C. Technical Support Update – Tammy Lawson
Indiana State Department of Agriculture Land Rehabilitation Plan – See Attachment
Lawson also reported Ross Egenolf will be relocating to the Southwest Region as the Resource Specialist Team Leader. He will start his new position on August 25th.
- D. District Support Update – Tammy Lawson
Lawson reported Sara Slater-Atwater is still working at the ISDA office as the Disaster Relief Coordinator for the DSC. , Lawson reported Leadership Institute is currently going on. They had to cancel one workshop due to lack of attendance.

V. Leadership Development Workgroup Update – Jennifer Boyle – No report

VI. Delivery System Workgroup Update – Jerod Chew – No report

- VII. Funding Workgroup Update – Bob Eddleman – No report**
- VIII. Accountability Workgroup Update – Deb Fairhurst – No report**
- IX. Technology Workgroup Update – Jane Hardisty – See Attachment**
- X. Outreach Workgroup Update – Jim Droege**
Over 41 thousand visitors were captured this year at Pathway to Water Quality during the Indiana State Fair.
- XI. Conservation Partner Reports**
- A. DNR Report – Gary Langell – No Report**
 - B. IDEM Report – Marylou Renshaw – No Report**
 - C. Purdue Report – Gary Steinhardt – No Report**
 - D. IASWCD Report – Jim Droege – See Attachment**
 - E. Farm Service Agency Report – Gail Peas – No Report**
 - F. NRCS State Conservationist’s Report – Jane Hardisty – See Attachment**
 - G. SWCD Foundation Report – Christa Jones – No report**
- XII. Public Comment**
Gary Conant has a new email address: geconant@gmail.com
- XIII. Next Meeting: September 16, 2008 at ISDA, 9:00 AM.**
- XIV. Adjourn 12:02 PM**